

MINUTES
Regular Meeting of the College Park City Council
Tuesday, September 12, 2017
Council Chambers
7:30 p.m. – 12:38 a.m. (September 13)

PRESENT: Mayor Wojahn; Councilmembers Kabir, Nagle, Brennan, Dennis, Stullich, Day, Kujawa and Cook.

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: Scott Somers, City Manager; Bill Gardiner, Assistant City Manager; Janeen Miller, City Clerk; Suellen Ferguson, City Attorney; Terry Schum, Director of Planning; Steve Halpern, City Engineer; Bob Ryan, Director of Public Services; Gary Fields, Director of Finance; Chris Keosian, Student Liaison; Julianne Heberlein, Deputy Student Liaison.

Mayor Wojahn opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Councilmember Kabir said the North College Park Community Association will hold their monthly meeting on Thursday night at Davis Hall. They are holding a community clean up on Saturday September 30 beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Councilmember Nagle announced the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Open House on Saturday from 10 – 3.

Councilmember Brennan announced Third Thirsty Thursday on September 21 at Nando's Restaurant. The Berwyn District Civic Association will meet at 8:00 p.m. the same night.

Councilmember Dennis announced the Police District 1 Coffee Club at Jason's Deli on Wednesday at 9:00 a.m.; the Lakeland Civic Association will meet on Thursday at 7:00 p.m. at the College Park Community Center; and the Lakeland Community Heritage Project will hold a bake-off on Saturday at 12 noon, also at the Community Center.

Councilmember Stullich reviewed the Old Parish House 200th Anniversary Celebration events taking place this coming weekend.

Councilmember Day said a 20-foot aid trailer from the City of College Park was sent to Texas this week.

Mayor Wojahn said College Park Day posters are available for anyone who wants to pick one up and discussed the event, which is October 7.

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT: Mr. Somers reviewed the Old Parish House 200th Anniversary events; Sunday at the Downtown Farmers Market the City will offer free rabies vaccines and microchipping; Friday, 9/22 is Night At The Movies.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS: Mayor Wojahn recognized Ms. Carol Macknis, newly appointed to the Animal Welfare Committee; former Mayor Andy Fellows; and former Councilmember Alan Hew.

AMENDMENTS TO AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Add new item (17-G-110), approval of a letter requesting that the County waive the Food Truck Hub Coordinator fee for municipalities, to the Consent Agenda (Day/Brennan 8 – 0 – 0); move 17-G-107 to Consent (Day/Kujawa 8 – 0 – 0); adopt agenda as amended (Stullich/Dennis 8 – 0 - 0.)

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CONSENT AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Dave Dorsch, 4607 Calvert Road: Discussed the safety railing in front of the Cornerstone and said we should allow seniors citizens to park for free in the City.

PRESENTATIONS:

- A. Calvert Hills Storm Drain improvement project: Frank Galosi, Prince George’s County Department of the Environment discussed the project which is intended to add new storm drain systems, upgrade the capacity of the open channels and install an underground stormwater storage vault to improve the surface runoff conveyance capacity and reduce the frequency of significant flooding. Completion is expected in 2021. See attached PowerPoint for details.
- B. FY ‘17 Year-end financial report: Mr. Fields provided the unaudited FY ‘17 Year End Financial Report.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. Public Hearing on the petition request for Traffic Calming in the 5000 block of Odessa Road: Mr. Halpern said the traffic study indicated that speeding is a factor on this block; staff recommends the installation of traffic calming.

Philip Aronson, 5020 Odessa Road: He said the streets are not wide and have parking on both sides, some vehicles have been sideswiped, there are families with small kids and people go too fast, so he is requesting speed bumps.

- B. Public Hearing on the petition request for Residential Permit Parking in the 4600 Block of Cherokee Street: Mr. Ryan said this is a short block and three of the four residents signed the petition. Staff recommends the zone be established with 24/7 enforcement because of its proximity to Route 1 businesses and apartments.

Jesse Whetstone, 4605 Cherokee Street: People going to the restaurant on the corner park in front of his house making it hard to get out of his driveway. They also bring big buses, so he is requesting permit parking.

CONSENT AGENDA:

A motion was made by Councilmember Brennan and seconded by Councilmember Dennis to adopt the Consent Agenda, which consisted of the following:

- 17-R-16 Resolution Of The Mayor And Council Of The City Of College Park Adopting The Recommendations Of The Advisory Planning Commission Regarding Appeal Number CEO-2017-03, Located At 4700 Mangum Road, College Park, Maryland, Recommending Approval Of A 2-Foot Variance From The Prince George's County Zoning Ordinance, Section 27-420(A) In Order To Extend A 6-Foot High Board-On-Board Fence**
- 17-R-17 Resolution Of The Mayor And Council Of The City Of College Park Adopting The Recommendations Of The Advisory Planning Commission Regarding Appeal Number CEO-2017-04, Located At 4710 College Avenue, College Park, Maryland, Recommending Approval Of A 2-Foot Variance From The Prince George's County Zoning Ordinance, Section 27-420(A) In Order To Extend A 6-Foot High Board-On-Board Fence**
- 17-R-18 Resolution Of The Mayor And Council Of The City Of College Park Adopting The Recommendation Of The Advisory Planning Commission Regarding Variance Application Number CPV-2017-05, 7000 Dartmouth Avenue, College Park, Maryland, To Approve An 8-Foot Rear Lot-Line And 1-Foot Side Lot Line Setback Variance From The Prince George's County Zoning Ordinance Sec. 27-442(I) Table VIII, Which Prescribes Minimum Rear And Side Setbacks In The R-55 Zone.**
- 17-G-98 Approval of extension of Miscellaneous Concrete Maintenance and Asphalt Resurfacing Contract CP-17-01 for Option Year 1 to NZI Construction Corporation in an amount not to exceed \$800,000, to be funded from Fund 301 Unrestricted C.I.P. Reserve.**
- 17-G-99 MOU with the University of Maryland Department of Transportation Services for resident and employee ridership of the Shuttle UM for the period August 28, 2017 to August 27, 2018 in the amount of \$6,000 – Bill Gardiner, Assistant City Manager**
- 17-R-19 Adoption of Resolution to discharge the Candidates Debate Workgroup and thank them for their service**
- 17-G-101 Approval of Minutes: July 11, 2017 Regular Meeting; July 11, 2017 Worksession after the Regular Meeting; August 2, 2017 Worksession; August 8, 2017 Regular Meeting; Transcript in lieu of minutes for the Oral Argument in Case CPD-2017-01 held on August 8, 2017. Confidential minutes of the Closed Sessions held on the following dates: January 24, February 7, February 14, February 21, February 28, March 7, March 14, March 28, April 4, April 11, April 18, May 2, May 9, May 16, June 6, July 5, July 25, and August 8, 2017.**

- 17-G-107 Approval of an amendment to the Lease Agreement with UMCPF dated December 10, 2015 regarding the Little Tavern Lot**
- 17-G-110 Approval of a letter to Prince George’s County Council requesting Waiver of the food Truck Coordinator Fee for municipalities that act as the Food Truck Hub Coordinator**

The motion passed 8 – 0 – 0.

ACTION ITEMS:

- 17-CR-02 Adoption Of Charter Resolution 17-CR-02, A Charter Resolution Of The Mayor and Council Of The City Of College Park To Amend Article IV, “Voting And Elections”, §C4-1, “Qualification Of Voters” And §C4-2, “Registration Of Voters” Of The City Charter, To Allow Non-Citizens To Vote In City Elections And To Authorize A Supplemental Voter List**

A motion was made by Councilmember Nagle and seconded by Councilmember Brennan to adopt Charter Amendment 17-CR-02 A Charter Resolution Of The Mayor and Council Of The City Of College Park To Amend Article IV, “Voting And Elections”, §C4-1, “Qualification Of Voters” And §C4-2, “Registration Of Voters” Of The City Charter, To Allow Non-Citizens To Vote In City Elections And To Authorize A Supplemental Voter List

Councilmember Nagle said Council discussed the idea of expanding voting rights to non-U.S. citizens on June 6 and the Charter Amendment was formally introduced on June 13. On July 11 a public hearing was held. On August 11, the vote on the Charter Amendment was postponed to allow discussion of a possible non-binding referendum, and on September 5 Council discussed that possibility. In the three months since the Charter Amendment was first discussed, approximately 400 residents have submitted comments on the proposal. There has been widespread discussion on community listservs and social media forums. While we do not all share the same view we have been able to listen to our neighbors and our colleagues.

Mayor Wojahn said since the Public Hearing has already been held, we will not invite public comment at this time.

Councilmember Kabir asked if we can prevent the supplemental voter list that would need to be created from being released to other entities. Ms. Ferguson said we would have to research whether the voter list can be protected.

A motion was made by Councilmember Kabir and seconded by Councilmember Day to postpone consideration of 17-CR-02 until after consideration of the motion to approve an advisory referendum, a motion to establish a Voting Rights Commission, and/or a motion to direct staff to research how the supplemental list can be used and distributed.

Councilmember Kabir said the point of this motion is to allow the residents to speak tonight and they should be allowed to speak to all of the components of his motion. He said our City Charter is our sacred document and we need to be very careful because this is a big change. We need to make sure that there is a clarification about protecting the voter list that we will create so that we don't put people at risk. We can wait another two months to either put this on referendum or create a Voting Rights Commission.

Mayor Wojahn invited public comment on whether to postpone consideration of this item until after consideration of a motion to allow a non-binding advisory referendum, a motion to establish a voting rights commission, and/or a motion to direct staff to research how the supplemental list can be used and distributed.

Carol Macknis, 5019 Mineola Road: Postpone to allow a non-binding referendum.

David Dorsch, 4607 Calvert: Postpone to allow a non-binding referendum.

Emily Wendt, 7605 Wellesley: Postpone to allow a non-binding referendum.

Rafael DiGinero, 4708 Indian Lane, Citizens Vote Maryland: Citizenship is special. Concern about a secret voter list and whether we can protect its integrity.

Todd Larsen, 8711 Rhode Island Avenue: Opposed to motion to postpone; vote in favor of 17-CR-02.

Elaine Grant, 8711 Rhode Island Avenue: Opposed to motion to postpone; vote in favor of 17-CR-02.

Beth DeBosky, 5113 Kennebunk Terrace: Postpone to allow a non-binding referendum.

Rick Hudson, 4904 Muskogee Street: Postpone to allow a non-binding referendum.

Riley Lynn Nairn, St. Mary's Hall, UMD: Opposed to motion to postpone; vote in favor of 17-CR-02.

Juan Cruz, 48th Place: Opposed to motion to postpone; vote in favor of 17-CR-02.

Lee Havis, 6812 Dartmouth Avenue: Postpone to allow a non-binding referendum.

Zari Malsawma, 3433 Duke Street: Postpone to allow a non-binding referendum.

David Brogi, 9321 St. Andrews Place: Postpone to allow a non-binding referendum.

Tim Busiere, 5025 Muskogee: Postpone to allow a non-binding referendum.

Oscar Gregory, 9253 Limestone Place: Postpone to allow a non-binding referendum.

Belkis Dubman, 4803 Lackawanna: Postpone to allow a non-binding referendum.

Maria Mackie, 9242 St. Andrews Place: Postpone to allow a non-binding referendum.

Arun Ivatury, 6705 Rhode Island Avenue: Opposed to motion to postpone; vote in favor of 17-CR-02.

Russell Quintero, 9621 Narragansett Parkway: Opposed to motion to postpone; vote in favor of 17-CR-02.

Grace Ellis, 5118 Kennebunk Terrace: Opposed to motion to postpone; vote in favor of 17-CR-02.

Tejinder Gorski, 6813 Dartmouth Avenue: Opposed to motion to postpone; vote in favor of 17-CR-02.

Kimberly James, 4917 Hollywood Road: Postpone; need more time to answer questions.

Scarlet Jimenez, 4916 Hollywood Road: Opposed to motion to postpone; vote in favor of 17-CR-02.

Olivia Delaplaine, Campus Drive: Opposed to motion to postpone; vote in favor of 17-CR-02.

Patrick Lynch, 4609 Drexel Road: Opposed to motion to postpone; vote in favor of 17-CR-02.

Laura Holley-Poole, 5009 Fox Street: Opposed to motion to postpone; vote in favor of 17-CR-02.

John Rigg, Calvert Hills: Opposed to motion to postpone; vote in favor of 17-CR-02.

Mary King, 3413 Duke Street: Postpone to allow a non-binding referendum.

Lindsey Ledford, 5118 Kennebunk Terrace: Opposed to motion to postpone; vote in favor of 17-CR-02.

Josh Yeagley, 4916 Hollywood Road: Opposed to motion to postpone; vote in favor of 17-CR-02.

Nora Eidelman, District 1: Opposed to motion to postpone; vote in favor of 17-CR-02.

Raj Patel, Osage Street: Opposed to motion to postpone; vote in favor of 17-CR-02.

Robert O'Brien, Laguna Road: Postpone to allow a non-binding referendum.

Andy Fellows, 5807 Bryn Mawr: Opposed to motion to postpone; vote in favor of 17-CR-02.

Nancy Allen (non-resident): Postpone to allow a non-binding referendum.

Jack Robson, 4710 Harvard: Postpone to allow a non-binding referendum.

Anne Stebbing, Mineola Road: Postpone to allow a non-binding referendum.

Councilmember Brennan said this has been discussed for the last four months and we shouldn't delay. It is the job of the Council to be the governing body and to decide.

Councilmember Day said we can't take this lightly and thinks the Council has fumbled this issue. There has not been enough discussion. He developed the idea of a Voting Rights Commission to allow more time to review the issues.

Councilmember Cook said the majority of District 4 residents are opposed to the Charter Amendment and she will vote the way they want her to. We have not done our job as a Council to discuss all of the intricacies. She supports the motion to delay.

Councilmember Nagle is not in support of a Voting Rights Commission and believes this decision belongs to the Council and hopes to move forward tonight.

Councilmember Stulich said this is a decision for College Park to make, not people who live outside of College Park. By her tally, 64% of the comment is in favor. The Voting Rights Commission won't get us any further. She hopes to vote on this tonight.

Councilmember Dennis is opposed to any delay. He sees this as a civil rights issue that the Council should decide.

Councilmember Kabir said his motion wasn't an intent to delay this vote. This is an opportunity to get input from residents because the election is in two months. Why would the Council be worried about more public input?

Vote on the Amendment to postpone:

Yes: Kabir, Day, Kujawa, Cook

No: Nagle, Brennan, Dennis, Stulich

4 – 4 tie

Mayor broke the tie with a No vote.

Amendment failed.

Mayor Wojahn said he doesn't believe the referendum is the right approach, and said that expanding access to the vote expands our community.

Return to the main motion on 17-CR-02 as written:

A motion was made by Councilmember Kabir and seconded by Councilmember Day to amend §C4-1(a) in Charter Amendment 17-CR-02 to read as follows: Every Person Who Is Citizen Of The United States, Or Is A Non-Citizen Who Is Lawfully Authorized To Live Permanently Within The United States, As Evidenced By A United States Permanent Resident Card (USCIS Form I-551) Or Other Document Issued By The United States Government; A Resident Of The City Of College Park; Will Be Eighteen (18) Years Of Age

On Or Before The Date Of The Next City Election; And Does Not Claim Voting Residence Or The Right To Vote In Another Jurisdiction, Is Eligible To Be Registered To Vote In Accordance With The Provisions Of This Charter As A Qualified Voter Of The City Except As Provided In Subsection (B) Of This Section. The remainder of 17-CR-02 would be unchanged.

Councilmember Kabir said he offers this amendment as a compromise.

Todd Larsen: Opposed to the amendment.

Elaine Grant: Opposed to the amendment.

Josh Yeagley: Opposed to the amendment.

Arun Ivatury: Opposed to the amendment.

Scarlet Jimenez: Opposed to the amendment.

Riley Nairn: Opposed to the amendment.

Grace Ellis: Opposed to the amendment.

Russell Quintero: Opposed to the amendment.

John Rigg: Opposed to the amendment.

Eddie, Quebec Street: Supports the amendment.

Lindsey Ledford: Opposed to the amendment.

Kate Kennedy: Opposed to the amendment.

Robert O'Brien: Supports the amendment.

Oscar Gregory: Supports the amendment

Mary King: Supports the amendment

Zari Malsawma: Supports the amendment

Laura Holley-Poole: Opposed to the amendment.

Nora Eidelman: Opposed to the amendment.

Bob Schnabel: Our history is not a pretty history, there have been waves of discrimination against every group.

Jack Robson: Supports the amendment.

Juan Cruz: Opposed to the amendment.

Councilmember Brennan said this amendment is at odds with the prior amendment. We shouldn't compromise for the sake of compromise; we should discuss the options and choose the one that makes sense.

Councilmember Cook said it is embarrassing to have to look at a person's Green Card.

Councilmember Stullich does not want College Park to be the "show me your papers" City. We are talking about local City elections and City services.

Councilmember Nagle said her reason for bringing forth this Charter Amendment was to include all of her neighbors. Limiting it to only Green Card holders negates the intention.

Vote on the Amendment to allow Green Card holders to vote:

Yes: Kabir, Day, Kujawa, Cook

No: Nagle, Brennan, Dennis, Stullich

4 – 4 tie

Mayor broke the tie with a No vote.

Amendment failed.

Return to the main motion on 17-CR-02 as written:

Councilmember Nagle read a comment she received from a constituent.

Councilmember Kabir said he was disappointed by the two lost opportunities tonight. Because of his personal back story, he can see both sides of the issue and feels we should look into this more seriously. He is distraught by the division and name-calling and will work to bring the community together. He does not see a mandate and will abstain. Nobody wins tonight.

Mayor Wojahn said there has been a lot of constructive dialog but the personal divisiveness and name calling has been disappointing.

Councilmember Day said we missed an opportunity to do this right the first time. He hopes we don't say yes to this Charter Amendment and then walk away from it. We need to work for College Park to be a beacon of inclusion.

Councilmember Dennis agrees that we should help our non-citizen residents pursue citizenship.

Councilmember Stullich said it is when we disagree that we need to make the most effort to respect one another.

Vote on the main motion to adopt 17-CR-02:

Yes: Nagle, Brennan, Dennis, Stullich

No: Day, Kujawa, Cook

Abstain: Kabir

Vote: 4 – 3 – 1. *[City Clerk's Note: When this vote was taken, City officials believed that it passed. Subsequent research revealed that the Charter Amendment did not pass because it did not receive the required number of affirmative votes for adoption of a Charter Amendment. The outcome is that the measure did not pass.]*

17-G-102 Approval of an offer to purchase the College Park Woods Swimming Club property to be used for a public purpose

Mr. Somers said this was discussed at last week's Worksession and reviewed the term sheet. If Council approves submitting an offer, staff will prepare a contract of sale, which will be submitted the College Park Swim Club's (CPWSC) real estate agent, Mr. Bill Franklin, prior to September 20, 2017, the deadline established by the CPWSC Board of Directors to submit purchase offers.

Mayor Wojahn introduced Mr. Steven Mudd, attorney for the Pool's Board of Directors. He provided documents from the Board. Ms. Ferguson asked Mr. Mudd about the two lawsuits that were filed by members of the Board: one has been settled (Pianowski). Has the suit by Ms. Oarr been settled? No. Will it be resolved soon? He doesn't know. He has filed a petition to ratify the sale and have the Circuit Court assume jurisdiction. He will work with the new buyer. The Court will have the final authority to decide whether to accept the offer on behalf of the Board. This will hopefully be a free and clear transfer without any debt attached, but the property taxes have not been paid; they might need buyer assistance.

Ms. Ferguson asked Council if they are willing to allow some flexibility regarding the term sheet, based on what we have heard tonight? The concern is good title not encumbered by any liens or debts. The Contract of Sale will track the term sheet noted by the City Manager.

A motion was made by Councilmember Kujawa and seconded by Councilmember Cook to submit an offer to purchase the College Park Woods Swimming Club property, based on the attached July 21, 2017 Term Sheet, and to provide the City Manager with discretion to accommodate payment of the Swim Club's taxes, if it is also in the City's interest to do so.

Maria Mackie, 9242 St. Andrews Place: She encourages the City Council to do this. It has been a long process and she would hate to lose this asset. It will benefit the City to have another community space.

Zari Malsawma, 3433 Duke Street: Encourages the City to make this purchase. It has been a vibrant community club for residents for nearly 50 years.

Maryland State Delegate Joseline Peña-Melnyk, College Park Woods resident: Supports the motion. This property is needed as a gathering place. At a recent meeting, 63 people attended and only two were not in agreement.

Suchitra Balachandran, 9320 St. Andrews Place: Please vote yes; it takes a long time to build community. The pool is the biggest gathering place they have.

Alan Hew, 9118 Autoville Drive: This is a good opportunity to bring an amenity to District 4 that is very much needed.

Oscar Gregory, 9253 Limestone Place: He agrees with the purchase; the price is a drop in the bucket compared to what has been spent in Calvert Hills and Hollywood.

Jack Robson, 4710 Harvard: This is a good decision. Maybe you should put City Hall there.

Mary King, 3413 Duke Street: Be creative with the use; the view is beautiful.

Mr. Mudd said he is happy to see the community support. He said that part of the property is conservation land and can't be developed.

The motion passed 8 – 0 – 0.

17-G-104 Council action on petition request for Traffic Calming in the 5000 block of Odessa Road

A motion was made by Councilmember Nagle and seconded by Councilmember Kabir to install traffic calming on Odessa Road per staff recommendation.

There were no comments from the Council.

The motion carried 8 – 0 – 0.

17-G-105 Council action on petition request for Residential Permit Parking in the 4600 Block of Cherokee Street

A motion was made by Councilmember Kujawa and seconded by Councilmember Cook to implement permit parking on this block as per staff recommendation.

There were no comments from the Council.

The motion carried 8 – 0 – 0.

17-G-106 Approval of a letter of support for the City to become the Hub Coordinator for the Downtown College Park Food Truck Hub

A motion was made by Councilmember Brennan and seconded by Councilmember Day to approve a letter to the Director of the Department of DPIE to support the City as the downtown College Park Food Truck Hub Coordinator with the program functioning Friday and Saturday evenings for the initial 60 days, to apply for the \$525 permit as a trial

run to assess the success of the program, and then give discretion to the City Manager to extend the time frame to the full seven months, and expend the remaining \$3,150 for the permit to operate longer.

Councilmember Brennan said this motion supports the original intent and also refers to our request for a fee waiver.

The motion passed 8 – 0 – 0.

17-R-15 Adoption of 17-R-15, Case CPD-2017-01, Holiday Inn Express, 9020 Baltimore Avenue: A Resolution to approve the departure for the free standing sign – Suellen Ferguson, City Attorney

Mayor Wojahn referred to the revised Resolution in the red folder.

A motion was made by Councilmember Day and seconded by Councilmember Kujawa to adopt Resolution 17-R-15, Case CPD-2017-01, Holiday Inn Express, 9020 Baltimore Avenue, to approve the departure for the free standing sign.

John Rigg, Dartmouth Avenue, member of the Advisory Planning Commission: The APC voted that the request for the box sign be denied because it seemed to be in conflict with the Master Plan and the Sector Plan. The intent of the Master Plan is to eliminate internally lit box signs. By approving the tear down and replacement of another box sign you are undermining the intent of the Master Plan. He urged the Council not to approve this Resolution.

Mayor Wojahn asked Ms. Schum if she knew how many of these box signs exist on the corridor. She said no, but usually in a renovation or redevelopment, the sign would be brought up to current standards. In this case, the renovations stopped just short of a Detailed Site Plan so it was not required.

Mayor Wojahn asked if the Council needed to decide this tonight. Ms. Ferguson said the Council voted in August and directed Counsel to draft this decision. The question tonight is whether you want to approve what is before you. Council has the option to reconsider the prior decision.

Councilmember Cook agrees with the APC on this matter and will oppose the Resolution.

Councilmember Stullich was absent when the Oral Argument was heard in August. She would like to consider the APC's recommendation. Their vote was 5-2.

A substitute motion was made by Councilmember Stullich and seconded by Councilmember Brennan to postpone consideration to a later time.

Councilmember Day said we should take a second look at this; the APC puts a lot of time into these decisions.

Councilmember Brennan concurs with the email received by Mr. Gill and wants to deliberate further.

Ms. Ferguson said when this is taken up again, Council will resume the hearing, so proper notice will need to be given.

The motion to postpone carried 6-2-0 (Nagle and Kujawa opposed).

STUDENT LIAISON COMMENTS:

Mr. Keosian said SGA passed a Resolution to lobby on behalf of the Bridge Act which codifies DACA.

Mayor Wojahn requested a future Worksession discussion on Sen. Graham's bill on DACA.

ADJOURN: A motion was made by Councilmember Kujawa and seconded by Councilmember Day to adjourn into a Closed Session to discuss the possible acquisition of real property for a public purpose, and matters directly related to said acquisition; to consult with Counsel on a legal matter; to discuss a negotiating strategy before a contract is awarded; and consider matters that relate to collective bargaining negotiations. With a vote of 8-0-0, Mayor Wojahn adjourned the Regular Meeting at 12:38 a.m.

Janeen S. Miller, CMC
City Clerk

Date
Approved

Pursuant to §C6-3 of the College Park City Charter, at 10:19 p.m. on September 5, 2017, a motion was made by Councilmember Kujawa and seconded by Councilmember Brennan to enter into a Closed Session to discuss the possible acquisition of real property for a public purpose, and matters directly related to said acquisition; to consult with Counsel on a legal matter; and to discuss a negotiating strategy before a contract is awarded. The motion passed 8 – 0 – 0, and the Council entered the Closed Session at 10:24 p.m.

Present: Mayor Wojahn; Councilmembers Kabir, Nagle, Brennan, Dennis, Stullich, Day, Kujawa, and Cook.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Scott Somers, City Manager; Bill Gardiner, Assistant City Manager; Suellen Ferguson, City Attorney; Janeen Miller, City Clerk; Terry Schum, Director of Planning; Bob Ryan, Director of Public Services.

Topic Discussed:

The City Attorney and City Staff updated the Council about a legal matter regarding a residential building permit.

City Staff and the City Attorney updated the Council about the possible acquisition of certain pieces of real property that the Council is considering purchasing for a public purpose. Next steps on each property were discussed.

The City Attorney advised Council about a matter of attorney-client confidentiality with respect to a negotiation.

The City Manager updated Council about a Personnel Matter.

Action Taken:

None.

Adjourn:

A motion was made by Councilmember Brennan and seconded by Councilmember Stullich to adjourn the closed session, and with a vote of 8 – 0 – 0, Mayor Wojahn adjourned the closed session at 11:32 p.m.

Pursuant to §C6-3 of the College Park City Charter, at 12:38 a.m. on September 13, 2017, a motion was made by Councilmember Kujawa and seconded by Councilmember Day to enter into a Closed Session to discuss the possible acquisition of real property for a public purpose, and matters directly related to said acquisition; to consult with Counsel on a legal matter; and to discuss a negotiating strategy before a contract is awarded. The motion passed 8-0-0 and the Council entered into the Closed Session at 12:41 a.m.

Present: Mayor Wojahn; Councilmembers Kabir, Nagle, Brennan, Dennis, Stullich, Day, Kujawa, and Cook.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Scott Somers, City Manager; Bill Gardiner, Assistant City Manager; Suellen Ferguson, City Attorney; Janeen Miller, City Clerk; Terry Schum, Director of Planning; Chris Keosian, Student Liaison; Julianne Heberlein, Deputy Student Liaison.

Topic Discussed:

The City Attorney and City staff advised Council about the status of negotiations on a parcel that the City is interested in acquiring for a public purpose, and next steps the Council can take.

Action Taken:

No actions were taken.

Adjourn:

A motion was made by Councilmember Day and seconded by Councilmember Nagle to adjourn the closed session, and with a vote of 8 – 0 – 0, Mayor Wojahn adjourned the closed session at 12:58 a.m.